

The bill reported by Mr. Harrison, entitled, an act to allow Washington Finley, collector of Queen Anne's county, further time to complete his collections;

Was taken up for consideration;

Read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion of Mr. Bowie,

The House took up for consideration the preamble and resolutions submitted by him on the 30th ultimo, in relation to the unsettled claim against the government of the United States for moneys advanced by the State for the use and benefit of the United States during the late war with Great Britain;

On motion of Mr. Bowie,

Said preamble and resolutions was made the order of the day for to-morrow the 4th inst.

The bill reported by Mr. Randall, entitled, an act to limit the number of justices of the Orphans courts to two,

Was taken up for consideration;

On motion of Mr. Randall,

Said bill was amended by striking out the second section, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"And be it enacted, That the said court may be held by the two justices, or by one justice, who shall be competent to exercise all its powers and perform all its duties."

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of A. A.,

Said bill was referred to the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice.

The hour having arrived for taking up the orders of the day,

The House proceeded to consider the bill reported by Mr. Johnson, of Frederick, entitled, an act to provide for the completion of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal to Cumberland, and for other purposes;

On motion of Mr. Bowie,

Said bill was postponed until Wednesday the 5th inst.

The House then proceeded to consider the bill reported by Mr. Graves, from the committee on Ways and Means, entitled, an act to provide for the payment of the interests due on the public debt of this State, for the years 1841, '42, '43, and '44;

On motion of Mr. Graves,

Said bill was laid on the table.

The following communications were received from his Excellency Governor Pratt, by the hands of William T. Wootton, Esq. Secretary of State:

A communication enclosing accounts from the Republican and Argus;

Which was read, and referred to the committee on Claims.

A communication enclosing a report from the Annapolis and Elk Ridge Rail Road Company;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Internal Improvement, and